

LOCAL FANS GET QUICK RETURNS

Times-Dispatch Scoreboard Tells Instantaneously Happenings on Ball Field.

INTEREST REMAINS INTENSE

Crowd Banks Street and Acts Just as a Typical Ball Crowd.

BY GUS MALBERT.

When Frank Baker made his home run in the ninth inning of the third game of the world's series yesterday, thereby tying up the score and making possible the final victory of the Athletics, all Richmond saw the home run made, and all Richmond gave one mighty yell—that is all of Richmond except that portion which has been supporting the Giants.

Naturally, the above is speaking by metaphor, for all Richmond could not by any possible means have heard of the news at the same time. But judging by the proportions of the crowd which literally banked itself between the two walls of business houses on Main street, bounded by Ninth and Tenth, and counting in the frayed edges, viewing The Times-Dispatch electric score board from the vantage ground of the Mutual and American National Bank buildings, to say nothing of the choice seats afforded from the second and third and fourth stories front of the aforementioned business houses, one may be forgiven for presuming that all Richmond was on hand.

Local Interest Intense.

Diving deep into the archives of history, or listening to the voice of some one of the many oldest inhabitants, it may be possible to learn of an event which has produced more interest locally than the present battle between the two champion baseball teams of the two greatest baseball organizations in this country. Obviously, this interest has been fostered, and has grown because of the fact that this year, as never before, the populace is given the opportunity of watching the game, inning by inning, play by play, ball by ball.

The painted diamond which stands high upon The Times-Dispatch building, gilded with incandescent globes, flashes instantaneously the news of the battle. Whether it be foot or strike, base hit or two-bagger, a ripping triple or a smashing home run, the lights tell the tale and the crowd can follow their favorite, be he Giant or Mackman, from the moment he faces the barrier until he makes the circuit successfully or is hit back to the shade of his friendly players' bench, after having (ignominiously) failed to write his name big in the baseball hall of fame.

Richmond Fans Know Players. It is surprising the degree of familiarity the local fans have with the men who are now battling. When a fan can stand off and call a ball player by his first name, it means that that fan is interested. And when that same fan can save his Christmas money and at the same time view contests with practically as great distaste as his less frugal brother who has not only depleted his store of cash, but has actually been jostled and, in many instances prevented from seeing that for which he paid his money and traveled miles to see, why should he not smile?

Yesterday the crowd gathered early. Somehow or other, the contest, just as many others, had come to the conclusion that the game yesterday was the decisive one of the series. Therefore, it had gathered early. When the first flash from the board told the story that the day was gloomy in New York, with a drizzling rain falling, one could see the crowd wilt, en masse. Faces became dejected; even collars were turned up in anticipation of the storm. It was a baseball crowd, however, and it stuck. Talk about the Brotherly Love brand of fan or the McGraw camp follower, they are as the lukewarm brother in the churchy council to the Richmond kind.

Crowd Happy When Sky Clears. Not a soul in that crowd shifted his position. If a game was to be played the Richmond contingent was going to see it. There was to be no bail in. Gled, for a moment later the ticker told the story that the skies were losing their ominous aspect and that the battle would soon be on. Men, there was one, big yell. And the crowd got thicker and thicker. It was orderly, and gathering closer and closer, fanned and fanned and fanned. Many were sympathizers of the White Elephants, many others swore by him, who, in derision, they call Muggsy, to there were differences of opinion. The differences, being friendly, were

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MEN WHO COUNT THE MONEY



JOHN T. BRUSH,
The owner of the Giants.

BENJAMIN F. SHIBE,
Owner of Athletics.

"IRON MAN" JACK COOMBS PUTS JINKS ON J. MCGRAW'S GIANTS

Aided by J. Franklin Baker's Trusty Willow, Which Tied Score in Ninth Inning With Another Homer, the Hero of Last Year's Series Out pitches Christy Mathewson, Allowing But Three Hits in Eleven Innings, Final Score Being 3 to 2.

Standing of Clubs

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Athletics	2	1	.667
Giants	1	2	.333

New York, October 17.—By the score of 3 to 2 in eleven innings of baseball as sensational as a world's series has ever furnished, the Philadelphia Athletics defeated the New York Giants here to-day, and jumped into a lead of two games to one in the series for the world's championship.

The White Elephants achieved this feat on their rivals' own grounds, facing the great Mathewson, who had puzzled them into the loss of one world's series, and who had started bravely in an attempt to make history repeat itself. Three times in 1905 and once this year, the Athletics had fallen victims to Mathewson's wizardry. To-day they finally broke through his guard and fell upon him so heavily in the latter part of the tense struggle that the great boxman and his mates were swept off their feet.

Backed up by the splendid work of Jack Coombs, the Kennebec "Iron Man," who pitched one of the greatest games of his career, and held New York runless from the third inning almost to the game's very end, the American Leaguers pounded their way to victory. They tied the score when Baker, their brilliant third baseman, won yesterday's game with a home run, picked out one of Mathewson's benders and drove it into the far reaches of the right field stand for a homer in the ninth. They won out in the eleventh on three safe hits, helped out by two up without a struggle, and a hard one. A double, followed by an error, gave them a run in the last half of the eleventh. But there were two out when the run came over, and it was the Athletics' game, when a moment later, the only occupant of the bases was out in an attempt to steal second.

Greatest Game Ever. No game played here within memory, in regular season or world's series, has provided so much excitement. There were again nearly 40,000 fans on hand—the National Commission gave out the official attendance figures as 37,216—and inning after inning this great throng was brought to its feet by sensational fielding plays, exciting batting rallies or remarkable feats of the rival boxmen.

Enthusiastic outbursts seemed almost evenly divided. When New York forged ahead in the third, the echoes were awakened by a big uproar. But when Baker in the ninth prevented what until then had looked like sure defeat of his team by lacing out his homer, the din was deafening. The uproar was renewed when the Philadelphia took their winning lead in the eleventh. The New York "fans" stood loyally by their team up to the last, however, and never gave up hope until Lapp's true throw to Collins got Becker for the last out.

"Jack" Coombs, hero of last year's world's series, earned further laurels to-day by letting down the Giants with only three hits. Two of these came in the third inning, resulting in a run, and then Coombs was unrelenting until the eleventh, when Herzog sent a rattling double to the left field fence.

Coombs Unlittable. In the seventh inning the home team went out in order. Coombs struck out seven men, Snodgrass fanning twice, Herzog, Devore, Doyle, Meyers and Mathewson once. The Philadelphia hurler passed four men, but none of these figured in the scoring. He was strong throughout, and perfectly cool in his pitching.

Manager McGraw pinned his hopes on Mathewson, and until the fatal ninth "Christy" held the Athletics runless, letting them down with five hits. He was favored by the "breaks" of the game, which enabled him to pull out of holes in the third and fifth innings. In the third inning, with Barry anchored on second, after a single and steal, Lapp shot a liner directly into Doyle's hands, and Barry was snuffed out at second. In the fifth, with Murphy on first, Davis singled, the ball striking Umpire Connolly on the leg. Unchecked, the ball would have gone to center field, and Murphy would have made third at least.

Matty a Broken Reed. Mathewson was a broken reed when Baker smashed his solid home run drive in the ninth, tying the score. He escaped in the tenth inning without difficulty, but the Philadelphia unlimbered their heavy artillery in the eleventh, and before the cannonading was over two men had scored in six innings. The New York pitcher retired the Athletics in order. Three Athletics struck out, Oldring, who hit Mathewson for two doubles last Saturday, fanning twice, and Davis once. "Matty" pitched a steady game, giving no bases on balls.

Philadelphia had six men left on bases, and New York only one. Only three Giants reached second base, and two of these scored.

"Jack" Barry was the particularly bright fielding star to-day. His most spectacular play came in the eighth inning, when Fletcher hammered a hard twisting grounder through the box. Barry came over with lightning speed, scooped the ball after it had taken a wicked bound and snapped it to Davis ahead of the flying Fletcher. Captain "Larry" Doyle, at second base, accepted ten chances without error, while Collins was also busy around second base for the Athletics, having perfect throw to Baker, who was waiting for Snodgrass with the ball. The Giants' centre fielder came into the bag feet first. He appeared to raise one foot as he slid in and the spike shot into Baker's arm. The Athletic players evidently believed that the spiking was intentional, for "Topsy" Hartzel berated Snodgrass bitterly, and as the latter walked to the bench he was hissed. Snodgrass said it was unintentional, and that Baker had blocked him.

First Inning. Play was started at 2 o'clock, with Umpire Brennan behind the plate and

Connolly in the field. Lord, after two fouls, tapped one that was picked up by Doyle for a fast throw, which retired the batter Fletcher picked up Oldring's hot one, and got his man by a clean throw.

Collins hit one to Merkle, who tossed to Matty for the third out. For New York, Devore struck out. Doyle went out on an easy grounder to Davis, and Snodgrass was a victim on strikes.

Second Inning. Baker, who started the second inning, went out on a fine step and throw of his grounder by Doyle. Herzog pulled down Murphy's sizzling

liners. Davis ended the inning with a high fly to Snodgrass.

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Fifth Inning. Herzog let Murphy's drive get by in the fifth, and the batter was safe. Davis's drive hit Umpire Connolly, and went as a safety. Barry sacrificed the runners along by a bunt to Mathewson. Mathewson threw Lapp's easy tap home, heading off Murphy, who was run down. Coombs flied to Fletcher.

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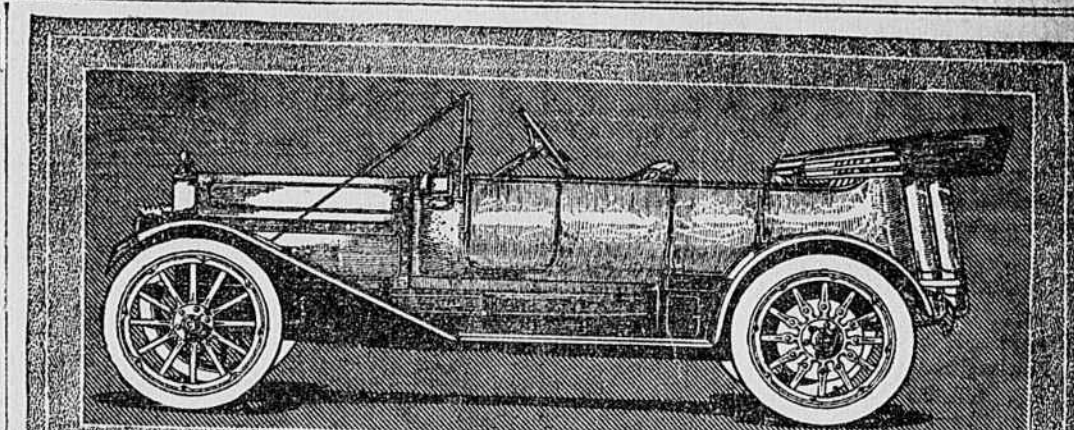
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New York, October 17.—Just before the start of the world's series game at the Polo Grounds to-day Ty Cobb, of the Detroit team, in the American League, was presented with the automobile awarded him by a commission of baseball writers as the player of either league who has been of the greatest assistance to his team during the season. The automobile was presented to Cobb by Ren Mulford, Jr., who said that the tribute which the newspaper men paid Cobb in awarding him every one of the possible sixty-four points was the greatest individual baseball honor of the season.

Cobb-White Six Game Postponed. Chicago, Ill., October 17.—Wet grounds caused a postponement of the fourth game in the city championship series between the Chicago American and National League clubs to-day. The game, which also was postponed yesterday because of rain, will be played to-morrow.

American Leaguers Win. St. Louis, October 17.—By defeating the local National League team in the first game of a double-header to-day, 11 to 7, the Americans won the championship, five games to one. The clubs played a second game to complete the schedule in the series advertised, this one going to the Nationals 6 to 1.

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